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REF: (A) STATE 8979 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 11735 (NOTAL)

1. S&T COUNSELOR HAS DISCUSSED FIVE AGENDA TOPICS
PROPOSED BY LATAM EXPERTS GROUP WITH CONACYT INT. AFFAIRS
CHIEF ALFREDO RAMIREZ ARAIZA, WHO CHAIRED THE LATAM MEET-
ING. UNFORTUNATELY, RAMIREZ ARAIZA DID NOT PROVIDE MUCH
FURTHER INSIGHT TO ANSWER REFTEL (A). TOPICS WERE
APPARENTLY SELECTED SO AS TO ACHIEVE AS BROAD AS POSSIBLE
A CONSENSUS WITHIN THE REGION OF PROBLEMS OF IMPORTANCE
FOR THE WORLD AS A WHOLE. THEY WERE ALSO KEPT VERY
GENERAL, WITH THE NATIONAL PAPERS AND ECLA REGIONAL MEET-
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ING INTENDED TO TRY AND FOCUS ON MORE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS
OF INTEREST TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS BEST WE COULD COME UP WITH ON EACH
AGENDA ITEM:

(A) FOOD, INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, NUTRITION,

FISHING AND FOOD PROCESSING. THIS WAS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR MEXICO AND FOR MOST LATAM COUNTRIES.

(B) NATURAL RESOURCES, THE RATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF RE-NEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES. THIS WAS ALSO OF GENERAL INTEREST IN REGION, AND SEEMS DIRECTED TOWARD ENHANCING THE INTERNAL USE OF SUCH RESOURCES AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLY EXPORTING THEM. ENERGY IS CONSIDERED TO BE A SUBTOPIC UNDER THIS ITEM.

(C) HEALTH AND THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. THIS WAS NOT A PRIORITY TOPIC FOR MEXICO, BUT WAS PUSHED BY THE "TROPICAL COUNTRIES" AND WAS PERCEIVED AS A MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FOR AFRICA AND ASIA. THERE APPEARS TO BE AN INTENT TO BETTER FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY ON HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND TO INCREASE THE USE OF PRODUCTS FROM EACH COUNTRY IN THAT INDUSTRY.

(D) PRODUCTION OF CAPITAL GOODS. THIS IS OF GENERAL INTEREST. IT COVERS THE GAMUT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OF CREATING PLANTS TO MANUFACTURE EQUIPMENT, ETC.

(E) COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION. THIS WAS NOT A HIGH PRIORITY FOR MEXICO, BUT WAS REGIONALLY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (E.G. PARAGUAY, ECUADOR). IT IS LIKELY TO BE ADDRESSED DIFFERENTLY BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EACH NATIONAL PAPER.

3. RE REFTTEL (B), RAMIREZ-ARAIZA AND REST OF MEXICAN DEL (EXCEPT FLORES) WILL BE STAYING AT EPSON HOTEL AND WILL WELCOME EARLY CALL FROM USDEL TO ARRANGE MEETING.

4. FYI: MEXICAN WASHINGTON SCICOUNS MARTIN DEL CAMPO ATTENDED RAMIREZ-ARAIZA/WILCOX MEETING AT WHICH ABOVE WAS DISCUSSED. IN HIS ROLE AS ADVISOR TO MEXDEL UN, HE APPEARS TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN MEXICAN PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD.

5. FYI: THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING UNCSTD BETWEEN BRAZILIAN DEL (HEADED BY PRESIDENT OF CNPQ) WHICH ACCOMPANIED PRES GIESEL AND EDMUNDO FLORES, RAMIREZ-ARAIZA ET AL AT CONACYT JUST PRIOR TO OUR MEETING. LUCEY

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